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SUBJ: CLC PREPARING NATION-WIDE WORK STOPPAGE

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1. CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS 30-MEMBER EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
AT JULY 29 MEETING AUTHORIZED 10-MEMBER EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE TO IMPLEMENT RECENTLY GRANTED CONVENTION
MANDATE TO CALL NATION-WIDE GENERAL STRIKE IN PROTEST
AGAINST WAGE AND PRICE CONTROLS. LACK OF PROGRESS DURING
TWO COG-CLC DISCUSSIONS ON GREATER ROLE FOR LABOR IN
SOCIO-ECONOMIC DECISION MAKING PROCESS (SEE REFTTEL)
PLAYED SECONDARY ROLE IN BRINGING EXECUTIVE COUNCIL
MAJORITY TO MOVE ONE STEP CLOSER TO CALLING ONE-DAY
NATIONAL WORK STOPPAGE. JUDGING BY CONCERSATIONS LABATT
HAD WITH SEVERAL CLC EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEMBERS FINAL DECISION
ON WORK STOPPAGE WHICH WILL BE CALLED "DAY OF PROTEST"
WILL NOT BE TAKEN UNTIL AFTER THIRD GOC-CLC MEETING
ON AUGUST 6. MID-OCTOBER, COINCIDING WITH FIRST
ANNIVERSARY OF ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM, IS UNDER
ACTIVE CONSIDERATION AS BEING FAR ENOUGH IN FUTURE TO
ORGANIZE SUCH MASSIVE UNDERTAKING AS 24-HOUR WORK STOPPAGE
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WHICH HAS NEVER BEEN ATTEMPTED PREVIOUSLY.

2. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH MODERATE ELEMENTS WITHIN CLC LED BY PRESIDENT MORRIS WERE ABLE TO CONVINCE RADICAL AFFILIATES SUCH AS CANADIAN UNION OF PUBLIC EMPLOYEES TO AVOID LONGER STRIKE WHICH WOULD HAVE BEEN TANTAMOUNT TO INSURRECTION, ORGANIZED LABOR HAS NOW OPTED FOR A LIMITED FORM OF CONFRONTATION WITH GOC. THE GOVERNMENT HAS GIVEN NO INDICATION THAT IT WILL END THE ANTI-INFLATION PROGRAM IN A TIME FRAME ACCEPTABLE TO LABOR NOR IS IT PREPARED TO GRANT FULL RANGE OF CLC DEMANDS FOR POWER SHARING AS CALLED FOR IN LABOR'S MANIFESTO.

3. THUS A TEST OF STRENGTH IN WHICH LABOR HOPES TO DEMONSTRATE WIDESPREAD WORKER OPPOSITION TO GOC ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL POLICIES IS DEFINITELY ON THE HORIZON.
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